

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 503
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the disposition of court records.

WHEREAS, the courthouses of this state are overwhelmed by the number of court records and required storage space for these records; and

WHEREAS, some of these records, such as records of non-moving traffic violations, may not need to be maintained for lengthy periods of time; and

WHEREAS, the need to ensure that such records are not destroyed when a legitimate need for their retention exists demands that such issue be carefully studied prior to authorizing disposition of such records by this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the court records retention schedules and solutions to the court records retention and space problems in the county courthouses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective Speakers and by one (1) representative to be named by the President of each of the following organizations: (1) The County Officials Association of Tennessee; (2) The Tennessee State Court Clerks Association; (3) The Tennessee Judicial Conference; (4) The Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference; (5) The Tennessee

District Attorney Generals Conference; (6) The Tennessee Public Defenders Conference; (7) The Tennessee Bar Association; and (8) The Tennessee Sheriffs Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting, the members thereof shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers as they deem necessary from among the legislative members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the non-legislative members of the special joint committee shall serve without compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundredth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1997, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.